

MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
JANUARY 4, 2010
REGULAR MEETING

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session on Monday January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were present:

Present: Heide, Klinker, Campbell, Cornstuble, Brown, Weast-Williamson, Downing and Meyer.

Absent: Novak

The City Clerk stated that there was a quorum present.

City Clerk Cindy Murray and 1st Deputy City Attorney Jacque Chosnek were present.

Councilman Campbell moved to nominate Councilwoman Weast-Williamson as President of the Common Council for the year 2010, Councilman Klinker seconded. Councilman Campbell moved the nominations be closed and Councilwoman Weast-Williamson be elected by acclamation, Councilman Cornstuble seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Thereafter, Councilwoman Weast-Williamson presided over the meeting.

Councilman Downing moved to nominate Councilman Campbell as President Pro-Tem for the year 2010, Councilman Brown seconded. Councilman Cornstuble moved the nominations be closed and Councilman Campbell be elected by acclamation, Councilman Klinker seconded, the nomination of Councilman Campbell for President Pro-Tem passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2009 regular council meeting. Councilman Downing seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Claims, Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated the following reports are available in the City Clerk's Office:

Fleet Maintenance Department Monthly-November 2009

Water Works Department Monthly-November 2009

There are no Ordinances for Second Reading:

Ordinances for First Reading:

The Clerk read Ordinance 2010-01 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate from I-3 to I-2, Donmar Partnership-Petitioner) 3410 Fairfield Court, by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Heide moved for passage, Councilman Campbell seconded. 1st Deputy Attorney Jacque Chosnek spoke at the request of the petitioner to table this Ordinance until Feb 1, 2010 City Council meeting. Councilman Campbell moved to table Ordinance 2010-01 until time certain February 1, 2010, Councilman Downing seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolutions:

The Clerk read Resolution 2010-01 (A Resolution Approving A Deduction for Tax Abatement in an Economic Revitalization Area-Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc.) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Heide seconded. Tom Easterday, Vice President for Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc. spoke regarding the abatement. Resolution 2010-01 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

The Clerk read Resolution 2010-02 (A Resolution Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement Between the City of Lafayette, Indiana and Lafayette Arman Lodge #49, Fraternal Order of Police) by title only on first and final reading. Councilman Meyer moved for passage, Councilman Brown seconded. Mike Jones, Controller stated the change to the agreement is a language change only and has no affect on the budget or salaries. Resolution 2010-02 passed 7-0 on a roll call vote on first and final reading.

Reports of Standing Committees: None

Reports of Special Committees: None

Report by the Mayor: Mayor Roswarski gave the following State of the City Address:

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS: JANUARY 2010

Madame President, members of the City Council, and the citizens of Lafayette, good evening. I am honored and humbled to stand before you tonight and present the State of the City. I would like to begin my address by thanking you the City Council, the Board of Public Works and Safety, the Redevelopment Commission and all the citizens who serve on all our boards and commissions as well as those who participate in neighborhood associations, civic and community organizations. It is through strong citizen involvement and input that we govern the City of Lafayette.

I would also like to thank all the department heads and city team members for their outstanding efforts this year in providing high quality city services in an extremely cost effective manner.

At this time I would like to speak directly to our citizens who have lost their jobs or have been laid off and including those that are under employed. I want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I also want you to know that every day at City Hall we work to create and support economic development opportunities that will result in good paying jobs with benefits. The department heads know and stress to their team members that economic development is everyone's business and is a priority. Every position in the city has a role in sending the message that Lafayette is a good place to do business and raise a family. We will continue to work every day to create meaningful employment and help bring stability back to people's lives. We will all stand together to create a better future.

2009 was certainly a year of challenges, opportunity and successes. On the financial front, we were faced with late tax bills, late payments and declining revenues for the second year in a row. Because of the tremendous job of our controller and all our department heads and staff, we have met these challenges. We have practiced fiscal responsibility, used creative thinking and a 'can do' attitude to meet and exceed expectations. 2010 will continue these fiscal challenges and we will continue to meet them head on as a team.

As we move into 2010, we do so with optimism. The 600 new jobs that came with Alorica are being filled. The conveyance tunnel under downtown to address our Combined Sewer Overloads will be complete. The old Bridgeway Apartments are gone and the new Chatham Square will begin to emerge. Veterans Memorial Parkway will be formally dedicated in the spring, and the Concord Road improvements will begin.

Our city will be a leader by becoming a member of Health Insurance Trust, the first such trust in Indiana involving Municipal Governments to help control health care costs. We will promote wellness and preventative care. New Zoo exhibits and trails will formally open in 2010 along with additional work on our neighborhood parks.

We will continue our commitment to our neighborhoods and their quality of life. The Lafayette Hearing Authority will continue to be a strong presence in protecting our neighborhoods. Our commitment to downtown and the development of our riverfront continues and is unwavering.

We will keep aggressively pursuing our goals and ideas with the help of you and our citizens. Public safety will continue to be our top priority. We will focus on building a business environment that creates and retains meaningful jobs and ensure our citizens a high quality of life. We will be fiscally responsible, progressive, promote education and lifelong learning, while protecting our environment.

I again want to thank the council and all our citizens for their commitment and dedication to Lafayette. I know we will all continue to work together to make Lafayette the best place in America to live.

Thank You.

Miscellaneous and New Business:

Controller, Mike Jones presented a list of checks that needed to be reconciled, per IC 5-11-10.5.

Reappointment of Brandon Hawkins to the Tippecanoe County Library Board
Councilman Klinker nominated Brandon Hawkins for a four year term as the City Council appointee to the Tippecanoe County Library Board Councilman Meyer seconded. Nomination passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Councilman Klinker moved to adjourn Councilman Campbell seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes prepared by Cindy Murray, City Clerk

Complete audio of meeting available in the City Clerks office or at www.lafayette.in.gov